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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DENNIS ET AL.

Examiner

Behrooz Senfi

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 - 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Savoye et al. (US 5,880,777) in view of Andersen (US 2003/0236597).

Regarding claim 1, Savoye teaches, a multi-information-character surveillance imaging system (i.e. figure 1) comprising: a plural imager, housing contained assembly of surveillance imagers (col. 10, lines 58 – 63) including an optical, daytime, color video imager (col. 48, lines 50 – 60), an optical, nighttime, light-intensified, black-and-white video imager (col. 9, lines 45 – 65), and a thermal imager (col. 40, lines 40 – 60) and a display structure to present the information derived from thermal imager and other of which is selectively and changeably dedicatable to any one of the imagers (col. 33, lines 24 – 35, wherein the user select the imaging system) and interconnect structure, including a user-operable controller, operatively and communicatively interconnecting the imagers and the display structures in a manner permitting selective user switching of communication between the other display structure and one or another of the daytime, nighttime and thermal imagers (col. 13, lines 16 – 35 and col. 33, lines 24 – 36).

Savoye is silent in regards to explicit of, a pair of adjacent, co-viewable video image display.

Andersen in the same field (i.e. fig. 3, display 28 and 34, pages 1 – 2, paragraphs 0014 – 0017, also claim 1) teaches the above subject matter.

In view of the above, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the image processing of Savoye in accordance with the teaching of Andersen to be able to concurrently displaying the thermal images and the video images as suggested by Andersen.

Regarding claims 2 - 4, the limitations claimed are substantially similar to claim 1 above, therefore the ground for rejecting claim 1 also applies here. As for plural-mod, please see (Savoye; col. 33, lines 37 – 44).

Regarding claims 5 – 6, the limitations claimed are substantially similar to claim 1 above, therefore the ground for rejecting claim 1 also applies here. As for respective imaging axes, all of which axes are bore-sight aligned at infinity, in claim 5 (Savoye; col. 47, lines 20 – 45) and as for green-spectrum, in claim 6 (Savoye; col. 48, lines 50 – col. 49, lines 6).

Contact

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7339**.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Mehrdad Dastouri** can be reached on **(571) 272-7418**.

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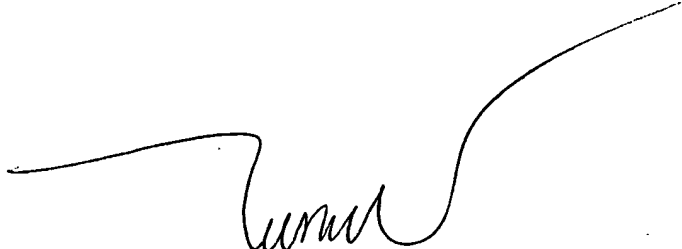
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